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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the two strains of *E. coli* and the set of publications that you sent. I intend to start the crosses shortly. I expressly wish to thank you for the papers and the outline of references, which will eliminate much of the time that I had anticipated spending in library research.

I also received, with pleasure, your letter containing the formal notification of my appointment. I assume that no further formal acceptance on my part is necessary.

I am eagerly awaiting the time when I may personally thank you for the kindness and consideration that you have shown me.

Sincerely,

*Ray Ellis Fried*